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Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" We hear of so many cases where the work done in a particular year is washed away in the next year and I would therefore request the hon. Member to do the work at one stroke."

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I do not think it is necessary that Rs. 25 will be spent each year, but Rs. 25 has been set apart for each year until the accumulated sum is Rs. 150."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" That means that the work has to be postponed for about six years. Will the hon. Member consider the fact that if the people in that place are spared the payment of the rent fixed by Government for a year or two they will carry the work expeditiously? Will the Government be pleased to forego the rent and allow the people to do the work themselves?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" I do not think that it is possible for the Government to forego the rent as suggested by the hon. Member; but I will see if arrangements can be made to advance the money."

Irrigation

Supply of water for some villages under the Palar Anicut System.

*205 Q.—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the villages of Melpuleri, Moranam, Butheri, Pullavakkam and Asanammapettai in Cheyyar taluk, North Arcot district, come under the Palar Anicut System paying wet assessment; and

(b) whether the channel feeding the supply to the above villages is completely blocked up and never serves the purpose for which it was intended?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have not the information, but have called for a report.

Report on the flow of water from the Shevaroy Hills.

*206 Q.—Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state whether he has got the report yet, regarding the flow of water from the Shevaroy Hills through the Vennar river, which was formerly running into Salem through Tirumanimuttar river? (Vide question No. 277 of 10th August 1929.) 11-45 a.m.

A.—Yes. It has been reported that there is no ground for the suggestion that the water of the Tirumanimuttar has been diverted into the Vennar. The rivers and their watersheds run in opposite directions.

Subadar-Major S. A. NANJAPPA Bahadur :—" May I know whether the report contains mention of the slipping of a big boulder on the water course from the Shevaroy Hills?"

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I point out there is a mistake in the name of the river? The name is not Vennar but Vanniyar."